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Botanical Notes.

Shortia galacifolia, Gray.—Prof. C. S. Sargent has found another station for this rare plant. He says, "I discovered last September in the Blue Ridge, near the boundary between North and South Carolina, *Shortia*, in what is believed to be Michaux's original locality."

Spiranthes Romanzoviana.—A. D. Webster (Garden, xxx., p. 253), tells us that "in all probability this plant has been exterminated in Ireland, for the two boggy fields in the County of Cork where it grew have been ploughed up and planted with potatoes; but F. W. Burbidge (Gard. Chron., xxvi., p. 471) thinks that at Bearhaven, Wales, where it has been collected, it has not yet "been evicted." It is figured in the Gard. Chronicle (xxvi., p. 400; xxi., p. 465.)

A Botanist's Ramble in Central America. By J. H. Hart. (Pamphlet, 8vo, 42 pp., Kingston, Jamaica, 1886.) This is an interesting account of a six weeks' trip to the mainland of Central America, made by the author in company with the Rev. Wm. Griffith, a missionary. The time was mostly spent near the great lagoon of Chiriqui, where many interesting plants were collected, among them a new tree fern, *Hemitelia Hartii*, Baker. Note is made of five varieties of the chocolate tree (*Theobroma Cacao*) cultivated, and a distinct wild species, *T. bicolor*, H. and B., known as Indian chocolate, was also met with. Palms and ferns were extremely abundant and in great variety. A list of the species collected is appended.

The Correspondence of Carl Von Linné. The Swedish Academy of Sciences has issued a work with this title, containing a record of all the correspondents of this famous naturalist, with their addresses, dates of birth and death, as well as the date of each letter. (Nature.)

Proceedings of the Club.

The first autumn meeting was held Oct. 12th, Dr. J. S. Newberry in the chair, and 31 persons present. The following were elected active members: J. W. Martens, Jr.; W. Beuttenmueller; Miss Winifred Edgerton, Ph. D.; Miss M. G. Tyler; Miss Mabel Hodges; Thos. E. Jevons, and Henry Ogden.